

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, the 23rd August 1961.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Government schools in Kanyakumari district

* 244 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras scales of pay have been given to the teachers in Government schools in Kanyakumari district appointed on or after 1st November 1956; and

(*b*) whether the benefit of such scales has been extended to those teachers who joined service prior to 1st November 1956.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The benefit of the Madras scales of pay has been extended to such Government school teachers appointed prior to 1st November 1956 as are fully qualified for the posts in the Madras State in which they have been absorbed on 1st November 1956. Those who are not fully qualified are being continued in the former Travancore-Cochin scale of pay with option to come over to Madras scale of pay as and when they acquire the prescribed qualification.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, have the Government any proposal to just evaluate the Travancore-Cochin certificates and equate them with the Madras State certificates?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, that has already been done. The only difficulty is that they have undergone only one year's training whereas the secondary grade teachers in our State have undergone training for two years. I think we arrive at the formula that if they had served for ten years, then they should be deemed qualified as our own secondary grade teachers.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the peculiar circumstances under which these teachers came to our State and also in view of the fact that those secondary grade trained teachers who had undergone the emergency course are recognised as fully qualified teachers, have the Government any proposal to re-examine the case?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The point for consideration is this, namely, whether we can equate them with our own secondary grade teachers who have undergone training for two years after passing the S.S.L.C. examination. Naturally when once

we equate them with those who have undergone training for two years, these people will have a grievance that they are paid the same pay as those who have undergone training for one year.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, are the Government aware that even in this State there are many secondary grade teachers who have undergone the emergency training course for one year and they are fully qualified and draw salaries as secondary grade teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have information about this.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, are the teachers of the Kanyakumari district asked to undergo training for only one year or are they asked to undergo training again for two years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : They are not asked to undergo any training at all. If they have got a service of ten years, they automatically become qualified.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact, Sir, that qualifications higher than those that are required in Madras State are required for language pandits of Grade I in the Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A separate question may be put, Sir.

Grade I—B.T. Assistants

* 245 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of vacancies in the posts of Grade I—B.T. Assistants in the Government Institutions that were not filled in 1958–59 and 1959–60;

(*b*) the number of educational districts to which no District Educational Officers were posted in 1958–59 and 1959–60; and

(*c*) the persons placed in charge of the posts of District Educational Officers in those districts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Grade I vacancies arise in the combined category of Deputy Inspectors, School Assistants, Headmasters and Headmistresses. The total number of Grade I vacancies in the combined cadre in 1958–59 and 1959–60 were 188 and 212, respectively. It is not possible to furnish separate figures for School Assistants alone.

(*b*) & (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the Table of the House.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : From the statement that is placed on the table of the House, it is seen that in four districts, namely, Tirunelveli, Cuddalore, the Nilgiris, and Tiruvannamalai,

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 84 infra.